

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended paragraph:

An ~~installation tool kit~~ apparatus and method that allows developers to create installation programs in which ~~all of the~~ variables and variable values used during a product installation are automatically stored in ~~one or more of~~ a system product registry ~~and/or database and a fileset object~~. ~~With one particular embodiment, d~~During installation of a product, the variables and variable values ~~are~~ may be stored in a hashtable. The hashtable is saved as part ~~of a serialization of~~ a fileset object. ~~Thus,~~ ~~w~~When the fileset is reinstated at uninstall time, ~~all of the~~ installation information is contained within the reinstated fileset. ~~The fileset object and other o~~Objects used by the uninstall program can make use of this information to affect the uninstall behavior. ~~In another embodiment,~~ Alternatively, the variable and variable values ~~are~~ may be stored in a hashtable that is saved to the system product registry at the end of the installation process. ~~Since this information is stored in the system product registry so~~ other programs and tools may have access to the information. This allows other installation programs to query the registry for ~~the required~~ information and ~~used~~ this information in the installation of other products.